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TOUCH ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CSCE, MIDDLE EAST, NARCOTICS

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1. SUMMARY: NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY FOUND RECENT NORDIC FONMIN MEETINGS IN REYKJAVIK NOTABLE FOR DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS' IMPACT ON OTHER FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES AND FOREIGN AID; NORDIC AGREEMENT TO SEEK CLOSER COLLABORATION ON MIDDLE EAST POSITIONS; MIXED REACTION ON PROSPECTS FOR CSCE; AND NORWEGIAN EFFORT TO SPUR INTEREST IN JOINT NARCOTICS PROGRAM IN UN FRAMEWORK.

END SUMMARY.

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2. GON OFFICIALS HAVE POINTED OUT TO US SEVERAL ASPECTS OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING IN REYKJAVIK MARCH 22-23 WHICH THEY CONSIDER IMPORTANT. ACCORDING MFA UNDER DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FEIF MEVIK, GON DELEGATION FOUND HUMAN RIGHTS EXCHANGE VALUABLE. HE SAID PARTICIPANTS NOTED WITH APPRECIATION PRESIDENT CARTER'S HEIGHTENED EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF SOVIET LINKAGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO OTHER ISSUES, AND

NORWAY AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS FELT THEY HAD OTHER FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES WHICH MIGHT BE PROTECTED BEST BY A BALANCED EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SUCH AS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS AND BROAD RANGE OF CSCE CONSIDERATIONS. ALSO MINISTERS REFLECTED ON DIFFERING CONDITIONS, ATTITUDES AND PRIORITIES LESS-DEVELOPED NATIONS HAVE FROM DEVELOPED NATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE POTENTIAL HARMFUL IMPACT ON AND ATTITUDE TOWARD THE RESPECTIVE NORDIC DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMS IF AID WERE TIED TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. MEVIK SAID DISCUSSION SHOWED THE FINNS MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THE OTHER COUNTRIES ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE BELGRADE CSCE FOLLOW-UP. THE NORWEGIANS AND DANES OUTLINED ALLIANCE VIEWS ON CSCE; THE GON STRESSED ITS HIGH INTEREST IN CBMS AND ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. THE MINISTERS EVALUATED SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST SHOULD SEEK TO COORDINATE THEIR MIDDLE EAST POSITIONS IN UN IN NEW YORK. NORWEGIANS APPRECIATED EARLY SUPPORT IN MEETING'S COMMUNIQUE OF NORWAY'S 1979-80 UN SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY.

4. NORWAY PRESSED TO GET DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN MEETING AND MENTION OF NORDIC COUNTRIES INTENTION TO TAKE INITIATIVES IN THIS FIELD IN UN. PAAL BOG, MFA DEVELOPMENT CHIEF, TOLD EMBOFF THAT LIMITED ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF FINLAND, DENMARK AND ICELAND HAMPERED AGREEMENT ON A COMMON NORDIC NARCOTIC CONTROL INITIATIVE. HE SAID INSTEAD PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT EACH COUNTRY WOULD SUPPORT UN NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IN THEIR OWN WAY AND WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES AS PROGRAMS ARE DEVELOPED. HE SAID GON IS STILL INTERESTED IN ENCOURAGING CROP DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM, SUCH AS THAT IN BURMA (OSLO 1377) AND CONTEMPLATES SPENDING 6.5 MILLION

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DOLLARS OVER FIVE YEARS ON BURMESE OR SIMILAR PROJECT. HE STATED AGAIN THAT THE FIGURE OF 10 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ANY CONTROL ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN OSLO TV COMMENTARY MARCH 19 HAS NO STANDING WITH GON AND THAT GON DID NOT REPEAT NOT TELL NORDIC MINISTERS IT WOULD SPEND THIS AMOUNT FOR UN NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES. (REFTEL D).
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